



COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Highlights for July 27, 2009

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MILLER FOCUSING ON BROADBAND FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Administration Committee Chair [A. Troy Miller](#) is working to secure federal stimulus funds to help build a more robust wireless broadband infrastructure in Columbus. *Ordinance 1056-2009* authorizes a grant application for \$37.9 million to expand the city's fiber optic infrastructure and create a citywide wireless mesh network. Implementing a high-speed network will help the city attract high-tech companies and provide innovative new options to enhance public safety and increase government efficiencies.

PALEY STREAMLINING CITY OPERATIONS: Judiciary & Court Administration Committee Chair [Eileen Y. Paley](#) is sponsoring legislation to integrate three existing databases in the Domestic Violence, Stalking and Intake units of the City Attorney's Office into a single database that will provide more comprehensive data analysis. *Ordinance 1013-2009* authorizes the use of up to \$53,000 in stimulus funding earmarked for the design and implementation of the new Witness Assistance Program database.

PROVIDING CRITICAL BRIDGE MAINTENANCE: Public Service & Transportation Committee Chair [Hearcel F. Craig](#) is sponsoring *ordinance 1054-2009* to provide crucial maintenance work for 54 bridges in Columbus. The legislation authorizes the Department of Public Service to use Street Construction, Maintenance, and Repair Fund money for the City Bridge Maintenance 2009 project and to pay construction inspection costs for bridge work performed in the city. The maintenance work will consist of crack sealing, concrete patching on all elements of a particular bridge, railing repairs, epoxy injection, concrete removal, sealing cracks in bridge decks, replacement of expansion joint seals, and other work deemed necessary to maintain bridges that fall under the city's responsibility.

PREVENTING CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT: Health, Housing & Human Services Committee Chair [Charleta B. Tavares](#) is sponsoring two pieces of legislation that work in tandem to help prevent child abuse and neglect. *Ordinances 1009-2009* and *1010-2009* will authorize the Board of Health to enter into revenue generating contracts with Franklin County Children Services for home visitation services provided by the Columbus Health Department through the National Youth Advocate and Buckeye Ranch Permanent Solutions programs.

COUNCIL SUPPORTING EXPANSION OF COLUMBUS ZOO: *Ordinance 1047-2009*, sponsored by Recreation & Parks Committee Chair [Priscilla R. Tyson](#), will allow the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium to construct and operate its new Animal Encounter Village exhibit. Pending passage of this legislation, the Columbus Zoo will be authorized to receive a \$500,000 State Government grant from the Ohio Cultural Facilities Commission to support the development of the attraction.

COUNCIL HELPING NEIGHBORHOODS CELEBRATE NATIONAL NIGHT OUT: National Night Out is a community-based initiative that brings citizens together in an effort to fight crime in their neighborhoods. Public Safety Committee Chair [Andrew J. Ginther](#) is sponsoring *resolution 0128X-2009* to raise awareness of the event and to encourage all Columbus residents to participate in this critical crime prevention campaign.

National Night Out will take place Tuesday, August 4, 2009 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Citizens are urged to turn on outside lights from dusk to dawn and spend the evening outside with neighbors and representatives of the Columbus Division of Police

HUNTINGTON HOMEOWNERSHIP ALLIANCE SUCCESS STORY: Council President [Michael C. Mentel](#) will join representatives from Huntington National Bank and the Columbus Housing Partnership to announce the first Columbus resident to purchase a home through the *Huntington Homeownership Alliance* program. The 3-year, \$10 million alliance was launched earlier this year to provide home counseling, foreclosure avoidance services, and affordable mortgages. The event is scheduled for Thursday, July 30, 2009 at 10:00 am (more details to follow).

****Please note that at the conclusion of tonight's meeting Columbus City Council will enter its August recess period. The next City Council Meeting will take place on September 14, 2009 at 5:00 pm****